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To whom it may concern,

The proposed settlement is bad idea. A better solution for the businesses, families and individuals of the USA is to break the Microsoft monopoly. Microsoft is an incredibly aggressive company that has regularly engaged in predatory pricing (Internet Explorer is free, which is new technology) and price gouging (Word for Windows 2002 is about \$300, which is old technology and should be part of the operating system by now).

I favor a solution that regulates Microsoft's future conduct as well as punishes Microsoft for past monopolistic and illegal activities.

I propose that punitive damage be that the source code of some significant Microsoft product be released to the world under the GNU GPL. Either Windows 98 or Word for Windows 2000. Either product released to the world would allow all a choice between freeware and price gouging. This would further enable people and business to redirect cash that was destined for Microsoft to other parts of the troubled economy.

As for the regulation of Microsoft, I leave that for others to contemplate.

Thank you.

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